

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Venema

Application No.: 10/537,562

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Title: **METHOD FOR LOWERING BOTH SEQUENCE VARIATIONS AND INCREASE OF
BASE LINE EFFECTS IN A DIAGNOSTIC HYBRIDISATION ASSAY, ASSAY FOR
PERFORMING SUCH A METHOD AND PROBE FOR USE IN THE ASSAY**

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Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 3, 2009 (hereinafter "the Action") regarding the above-referenced patent application. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.